

**CHAPTER NO. 117**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1342**

**By Representatives Hargrove, Maddox, Baird**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1387**

**By Senator Burks**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to the commissioner of health requesting a waiver of the residence requirement for aliens to practice medicine in underserved areas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The commissioner of health is empowered to promulgate public necessity rules and regulations pursuant to a waiver of the foreign residence requirement with respect to an alien who agrees to practice medicine in a federally-designated underserved area of the state of Tennessee in accordance with the requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-416) as amended. Based upon criteria to be determined by the commissioner, the public necessity rules could establish the types and numbers of primary care and specialty providers and could designate priority areas of the state for placement of aliens who meet the requirements of the federal law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 28, 2003**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR